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**FOR PURER WATER SUPPLY.**

**Mayor and Town Commissioners Considering Filtering Plant—Sanitary Pumps to be Installed—Another Amendment to Sanitary Ordinance.**

At a meeting of the mayor and town commissioners Thursday evening sanitary measures were principally up for consideration and some steps were taken which may result in securing a purer supply of water for the town.

An order was passed authorizing Mayor White to appoint a committee to make a thorough investigation relative to installing a water filtering plant. Mr. S. H. Hamilton was appointed on this committee. Water furnished through the town's system has never been fit for drinking purposes and the fact that water from some pumps that has heretofore been considered pure has recently been pronounced unsafe makes this an all-important question just now.

Another important order was made that the public pitcher pumps now in use be replaced with up-to-date force pumps so equipped as to make it impossible to drink from them without using some drinking vessel. The sanitary committee was given power to act.

The dancing school recently held escapes the tax with which it was threatened this time, an order being passed at this meeting revoking the tax for this once.

The sanitary ordinance passed at the regular monthly meeting last Tuesday night forbidding any privy, cesspool or other depository for human excrement to be maintained within 200 feet of any sewer line was amended so as to prohibit the maintenance of any such privy, cesspool, etc., within 350 feet of any sewer line on Elm street.

The ordinance relating to the business of bill posting was amended to include all kinds of paper advertising hung by paste, tacking, or other means upon fences, buildings, etc., also all tin or cloth signs, tacking, distributing of dodgers, circulars or samples, pamphlets or other advertising matter within the corporate limits of the town, except that any person regularly engaged in business in the town may distribute circulars, etc., advertising his own business, or that any person may distribute circulars, etc., advertising any public meeting or game without license.

The following ordinance was passed: "It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation, to give away, deposit, or otherwise distribute any sample package, parcel, box or other quantity of any nostrum, proprietary medicine, pills, or other material of an alleged medicinal nature or claiming to be a curative agency, by means of depositing or leaving the same in any hallway, private area or yard, or on any street, alley or public place in the corporate limits of the town of Lumberton."

**Guns and Shells for Lumberton.**

It has been stated in The Robesonian that through the efforts of Mrs. A. W. McLean, Hon. Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, was persuaded to set in motion some machinery that would result in bringing to Lumberton a couple of guns and some shells to adorn the court house square. As a part of the red tape it was necessary for the mayor of the town to request Senator Simmons to request that these guns of war be sent. Mayor White made the request in due form and Saturday he received a letter from the Bureau of Ordnance in Washington advising that at the request of Senator Simmons "2 1-pounder M. N. Mark I. V. guns"—What do you know about that—and 6 9-inch spherical shells—are ready to be shipped on the mayor's order; and Mayor White said he was going to order them at once.

So that is settled. And they'll look good mounted—they're going to send "mounts" for 'em, too—in the court house yard on either side of the Confederate monument—brave and unafraid. Lumberton will be mighty glad to have them and the town ought in some way to fittingly thank Mrs. McLean and Secretary Daniels.

In a display window of the Lumberton furniture store on Elm street can be seen the handsomest brass bedstead ever shown in Lumberton. It is a Bernstein and is a beauty. The McAllister hardware store, also on Elm street, has a window display that is most attractive. A grassy lawn is shown, on it a mower, rake and hose—all things necessary to keep it in trim condition.

**A LITTLE TOO BUSY.**

**Collector Keith May Be Removed For Too Much Political Activity—President Has Not Tried to Influence Senators.**

Washington Special, 6th, Wilmington Star.

Because he has displayed too much activity in politics in that he, without consulting any Democratic Senator or Congressman, made recommendations for collectors for the ports of entry at Newbern, Beaufort, Elizabeth City and Manteo, B. F. Keith, collector of the port at Wilmington, will in all probability be removed from office in the next 30 days.

It is certain that Senator Simmons and Congressmen Godwin and Small will recommend such action to President Wilson and Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo, when the Secretary returns to Washington next week. It is known that none of the recommendations for appointment by Collector Keith are agreeable to Senator Simmons, and Congressmen Small and Godwin. It is said that Keith has overstepped all propriety as a Federal office holder in recommending a man for Newbern, the home town of the Senior Senator, without even asking Mr. Simmons if he would be agreeable to the Senator.

Senator Simmons said tonight that the charge that President Wilson had tried to influence Senators on tariff matters was not true. He said that it was true, as most Senators knew, that Mr. Wilson had a very pronounced view as to sugar and wool. He did not in anyway, however, try to use his power as President to influence Senators in their views upon the tariff.

**JAPAN PROTESTS.**

**Claims That Land Bill Passed by California Legislature Violates Spirit Japanese-American Treaty.**

Tokio Dispatch, 6th.

The rejoinder of Japan to the United States' note on the subject of the California alien land ownership legislation reiterates that the land bill passed by the California Legislature violates the spirit of the Japanese-American treaty by discriminating against a friendly power.

It points out that even if the question is an economic one, it enters the domain of international relations, and therefore becomes a political question.

The note says that the California land legislation violates Article 1, of the Japanese-American treaty of 1911, which authorizes subjects or citizens of the contracting parties to own or lease houses which are inseparable parts of real estate.

It also declares that the new bill violates the 4th amendment to the United States Constitution, requiring State to grant equal protection under its laws to all persons within its jurisdiction.

Interest in the Japanese-American land ownership controversy is unabated in Japan. Several mass meetings of protest are being arranged.

Tatsue Yamamoto, minister of agriculture and commerce, declares the Japanese Government wants to participate in the Panama-Pacific Exposition, but owing to popular feeling on the California land question it feels obliged to wait to determine public sentiment.

The Japanese government has postponed its reply to Secretary Bryan's proposed plan of international arbitration.

**Among the Sick.**

Recorder J. A. Rowland, who left Thompson hospital a week ago after a prolonged spell of sickness, is confined at his home on the western edge of town, having suffered a relapse.

The following cases are reported from the Thompson hospital: Mrs. J. M. Morgan, of Dublin, who has been in hospital for several days, is getting along nicely; Mr. J. Alfred Green, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago, is getting along nicely; Miss Lizzie McConnell, who underwent an operation a few days ago, is getting along nicely and will return to her home at Troy this week; rs. G. C. Rhodes, a traveling salesman from Virginia, entered the hospital Saturday for treatment for fever; Mrs. Andrew Ivey, who had been undergoing treatment for two weeks, returned yesterday to her home near Raynham.

**FOR JUST FREIGHT RATES**

**Robeson County Branch of State Just Freight Rate Association Organized—Instances of Discrimination Against North Carolina.**

The Robeson County Branch of the Just Freight Rate Association of North Carolina was organized in Lumberton Friday afternoon at a meeting held in the commissioners' room at the court house. Mr. Hubert Ramsaur of Fayetteville, organizing secretary of the State Association, visited Lumberton on that day for the purpose of organizing a local branch and the meeting at the court house, which was attended by quite a sprinkling of business men of Lumberton, was the result of his visit. The following officers were elected:

President, Mr. Frank Gough of Lumberton; vice president, Mr. R. D. Caldwell of Lumberton; secretary-treasurer, Mr. G. M. Whitfield of Lumberton; board of directors—Messrs. A. R. McEachern of St. Paul's, J. D. McLearn of Fairmont, W. K. Culbreth of Pembroke, C. A. Oliver of Marietta, A. E. White of Lumberton.

Mr. Ramsaur, who was traveling in his automobile, went to Red Springs, Friday night to organize a similar branch there Saturday, and it was his purpose to go to Maxton today and to Rowland tomorrow to organize other branches. Ordinarily he does not visit any towns except county seats, but these being important towns and Robeson being a large county he thought it wise to organize these other towns also. According to the plan of the State Association, each county is expected to contribute to the expense of the fight to secure just freight rates for the State \$100 for each representative of the county has in the lower house of the Legislature.

Robeson has two representatives and will be expected to contribute \$200—which it will do readily enough. The meeting Friday afternoon was called to order by Mayor A. E. White and Mr. White was elected chairman of the meeting, Mr. J. A. Sharpe, secretary. Mr. Ramsaur addressed the meeting at the invitation of the chairman and explained the situation at length—with which situation, of course, the men present were more or less familiar. Giving instances of the freight discrimination against North Carolina which has hampered the State for many years, has driven business away from the State and has kept industries out which otherwise would have come, he said that grain shipped from Cincinnati to Norfolk is carried at a rate of 11 cents and comes from Norfolk to Lumberton at an added rate of 22 cents, making the rate to Lumberton 33 cents as against 11 cents to Norfolk. A merchant in Clarkton, for instance, just a few miles down the Seaboard from Lumberton, can get flour from Norfolk or Richmond cheaper than he can get it from Lumberton, on account of the unequal freight rates, hence the wholesaler is practically shut out from Lumberton. Other instances were given.

**DRAINAGE BONDS SOLD.**

**Lake Mattamuskeet Project Will Be Carried Through Without Further Delay.**

Raleigh Dispatch, 7th.

Col. J. P. Kerr, private secretary to Gov. Craig, is just back from a two weeks absence during which he succeeded in selling the \$500,000 bonds for the drainage of Lake Mattamuskeet, Hyde county, so that the completion of this project which involves the reclamation of 100,000 acres of the finest farm land in the world, will be carried through without further delay. The drainage is to be completed within about two years. The drainage commissioners are J. S. Mann, chairman, C. E. Mann and J. P. Kerr, the latter secretary of the commission. The lake bed is owned by the Southern Land Reclamation Company, which is a North Carolina corporation in which C. A. Webb and Col. J. P. Kerr are stockholders.

**Currency Message Expected Tuesday.**

Washington Dispatch, 7th.

Members of the House banking and currency committee expect President Wilson to send to Congress by Tuesday his message on currency reform. They do not expect any specific detailed plan or administration draft of a currency measure.

A meeting of the local branch of the State Association will be held within a week or ten days to decide on what measures are favored by the members of this branch in order to attain the end desired—whether the suggestion that has been made that a special session of the Legislature be called be endorsed, or some other suggestion offered.

In this connection instances of freight discrimination are of interest. The Statesville Landmark says:

"The Boykin Grocery Company, jobbers of Wilson, recently received a car of fruit jars. The car was shipped from Sand Springs, Oklahoma. The freight on the car to Berkeley, Va., was \$66.06 and from Berkeley, Va., to Wilson the freight was \$105.60. This one instance shows that the railway company charged \$30 more to haul the car from Berkeley, Va., to Wilson, a distance of a little over 100 miles, than was charged to haul the car more than 800 miles. That is one instance, and these instances can be multiplied by tens of thousands, showing what the freight rate discrimination means to North Carolina and why it is that so great an effort is now being made to remedy this matter."

And The Charlotte Chronicle thus summarizes an instance of freight rate discrimination which was recently city by the HighPoint Enterprise: "It cost a High Point merchant \$128 more to get a carload of beans

**MOST RIGID TRY-OUT.**

**Many Changes in Tariff Bill Will Meet Opposition of Democrats on Finance Committee.**

Washington Dispatch, 7th.

Before the tariff bill gets to the Senate Democratic caucus, where it will be submitted to the most severe test it must meet before its passage, it will have a parliamentary try-out before the Senate finance committee that promises to be most rigid. Although the various sub-committees have been at work on various changes a month and are about to finish their work, it was said tonight that there would be opposition by Democrats on changes. There is a prospect that some of the subcommittee recommendations may not be adopted.

Chairman Simmons of the finance committee tonight called a meeting of the majority members of his committee for Tuesday morning. He hopes to call the meeting of the entire committee next week but two of the sub-committees still are struggling with schedules and cannot complete their work before the middle of the week at the earliest.

The Johnson subcommittee today practically decided to keep the duty on cut diamonds at 10 or 15 per cent. The Underwood bill proposes 20. Diamond merchants filed briefs showing that it was the opinion of customs officials that an increase of duty would increase smuggling.

The subcommittee also decided to modify the clause prohibiting the importation of plumage of wild birds, holding that it was too rigid and would shut out feathers of birds not protected in foreign countries. The amendment will not, however, admit aigrettes.

**Cutting Scrape at Jennings Mill.**

In an affray at the Jennings Cotton Mill Thursday afternoon Melton Bass was carved up to some extent by Sidney Bland. Mr. W. Lennon, prosecuting attorney of the recorder's court, had a warrant issued for Bland to appear for trial Saturday morning but Bland jumped the straw bond which was accepted and has disappeared. It is said that Bass cursed Bland and that Bland began using a pocket knife, cutting a 7-inch gash on Bass' back and also cutting a gash 2 or 3 inches on his left arm. Bass used a piece of machinery on Bland, inflicting two or three ugly scalp wounds. Dr. N. A. Thompson dressed the wounds. It is understood that the trouble started about a woman.

—Mr. Giles Davis, who lives near Lowe, was in town Saturday. He says that hog cholera is prevalent on his way but that it has not gotten closer than 2-1/2 miles of his place.

—There will be a special meeting tomorrow evening of St. Alban's Lodge No. 114, A. F. and A. M., for work in the third degree. The meeting will begin at 8 o'clock and a full attendance is desired.

—Miss Lula H. Jackson, who for about nine months had been in the home of Mrs. Mollie R. Norment as governess of Mrs. Norment's children, left yesterday morning for her home at Littleton for the summer vacation. It is expected that Miss Jackson will return next fall.

—Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Britt returned Friday night from Marion, where they spent some time. Mrs. Britt went to Marion three or four weeks ago on account of the illness of her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. C. Bowman, who died about two weeks ago. Mr. Britt had been at Marion about two weeks.

—Miss Anna C. Beck, who for several seasons has been a trimmer in the millinery department of R. D. Caldwell & Son's department store, expects to leave this afternoon for her home in Bloomfield, N. J., the season having closed. Miss Charlye Frye, who is also a trimmer in this department also expects to leave Wednesday afternoon for her home at Satesville.

—Yesterday was Children's Day at Zion's Tabernacle Baptist church, Howellsville township. The occasion consisted of exercises in the morning and afternoon with big public dinner.

Rev. Paul T. Britt is pastor of the church and Mr. Jim Kinlaw is superintendent of the Sunday school. It is said that the exercises were unusually good. Messrs. Frank Gough and Eli Phillips were among those who attended the exercises from Lumberton, both of whom made talks.

Vice President Marshall delivered the commencement address at Chapel Hill last Wednesday, and upon him the University conferred the degree of doctor of laws. Dr. C. Alphonso Smith of the University of Virginia was similarly honored. The announcement was made at the commencement that President Venable had been granted a year's leave of absence and that Dean E. K. Graham will act in his stead.

**WEATHER BUREAU MEN BEING DEMOTED**

**Reduced for Connection With Political Activities Which Resulted in Dismissal of Chief Moore.**

Washington Dispatch, 7th.

Thirty-one employes of the Weather Bureau have been reduced for connection with alleged political activities which resulted in the recent dismissal of Chief Willis L. Moore Henry L. Reiskel, professor of meteorology and D. J. Carroll, chief clerk, have been suspended without pay, pending an investigation.

Charges have been preferred against 50 employes in all, alleging that they procured increases in salary or promotions in grade in return for promoting Moore's candidacy for Secretary of Agriculture in President Wilson's Cabinet. Thirty-one already have been demoted to their former status, Secretary Houston announced today. Copies of the charges and all other papers in the cases have been laid before the Civil Service Commission. Fourteen cases are held in abeyance.

Moore was dismissed and Charles T. Burns, his chief lieutenant, was demoted after an investigation in which Secretary Houston reported, that Burns had traveled about the country at Government expense, ostensibly on business, but actually doing political work for Moore.

—Mr. W. O. Thompson expects to leave tomorrow for Winston-Salem, where he will attend a meeting of the Grand Lodge of Pythians. He goes as a representative of the Lumberton K. of P. Lodge No. 35. He will probably return Wednesday or Thursday.

—Mr. James Hester of Lumberton will deliver an address at Saddle Tree Baptist church Saturday night of this week on "How to become rich as Baracac and Philatheas." Ice cream will be sold for the benefit of the Philatheas class of Saddle Tree church. The public is invited.

—Mr. W. K. Bethune returned Saturday from Washington, where he spent two days getting next as clerk to the House committee on reform in the civil service, of which committee Representative Godwin is chairman. Mr. Bethune will not have to return to Washington until after July 4.

—"Broncho Billy's Escape," by Essany, a thrilling and unusual Western drama with G. M. Anderson in his world-popular role of "Broncho Billy," and "The Miller of Burgundy," by Selig, a dramatic story of the modern French peasantry, will be the two interesting pictures exhibited at the Pastime theatre this evening.

—The Lumberton baseball team is doing better. In a double-header on the local diamond Friday Lumberton won in games with Barnesville and Orrum teams. The score with the Barnesville team was 6 to 10 and Orrum 4 to 6. Lumberton will play Fairmont on the local diamond tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

—Mr. Hector McPhaul, who for several months had been a student at Page's School of Pharmacy, Raleigh, returned yesterday from New Bern, where Friday he took the examination for license before the State Board of Pharmacy. Mr. McPhaul says that the examination was something fierce, and he doubts if he passed.

—Miss Mary Edens, daughter of Prof. H. L. Edens of Pembroke and a former student at the Lumberton graded school, was among the graduates of Trinity College at the commencement last week. She was among the graduates who received the honor "Magna cum laude," and she also received honors in English and Latin.

—Capt. and Mrs. A. B. Small went to Bladenboro Saturday in response to a message to the effect that Capt. Small's only sister, Mrs. Appie Edwards, was found beside the road near Bladenboro, near which place she lives, Thursday suffering from a stroke of paralysis. Mrs. Edwards is 81 years old. Capt. and Mrs. Small returned home yesterday.

**BRIEF LOCAL NEWS ITEMS.**

—Cotton today, 11 1/4 cents.

—The county commissioners are holding a special session today to revise the jury list.

—Miss Bessie Clayton of Durham arrived at the Thompson hospital Friday night to take a course as a trained nurse.

—More rain—a terrific downpour—yesterday afternoon, after which there was a decided drop in the temperature. It's scandalous cool for June 9.

—Capt. A. B. Small has been appointed sanitary inspector by the sanitary committee and is notifying everybody to clean up. Good business.

—Messrs. R. R. Prevatt, of Back Swamp, and Edgar Nance, of Lumberton, left Saturday afternoon for Charlotte, where in a hospital they expect to undergo operations for appendicitis.

—Children's Day exercises will be held at Cedar Grove Baptist church 4 miles from town, next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. An interesting program is promised and the public is cordially invited.

—Rev. F. A. Prevatt, returned this morning from Dillon, S. C., where he preached yesterday morning and evening at the Second Baptist church of Dillon. On next Sunday Mr. Prevatt will preach at Olive Branch Baptist church near Latta, S. C.

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